

When you were over here recently you left behind photographs which you wanted to take with you. However, I am hopeful that within the next day or so you will be seeing the equipment in the flesh, itself. The situation on the final delivery stage was, of course, most distressing in that we pulled out all the stops and were working night and day to get this equipment ready and then having achieved this although a bit late and obviously an embarrassment to you it was delayed for a further 6 to 7 days [redacted] due to bad weather and lack of suitable flights. This, of course, was one of those things that happen and generally speaking when you are running late you find that luck never goes with you. However the situation will soon be rectified by the arrival of the equipment [redacted] and the setting up and testing of it.

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Everything possible is being done to expedite the delivery of the 2nd and 3rd equipments. However, it should be mentioned that we are considerably embarrassed by the fact that the suppliers of the power packs, we mentioned this to you when you were over here, do not look like coming forward with these until the end of this current month. Every possible pressure is being put on them but we just cannot manage to extract a better delivery date. This will mean that No.2 equipment will leave [redacted] mid January and No.3 equipment mid February. The blocks and gratings for No.2 equipment will leave [redacted] the end of December and those for No.3 equipment mid January. If it is possible to anticipate these delivery dates for the blocks and gratings we will certainly do so but again luck has not been with us as the master ruling was damaged and the new one which has been produced will give us test samples at the end of this week. These have to be approved by us and then supplies have to come forward and this will inevitably cause some time delay after the return of information of acceptance. I was naturally hoping that we would get the blocks and gratings for No.2 machine out to Rome at an early date so that you could probably accept both machines from the No. 1 electronics. We have been into this position very carefully indeed and I do not think there is anything we can do to rectify the situation.

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I hope things go well with you on the first machine and that you find the performance entirely to your satisfaction.

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